



Letter to the Editor

Double human bite—A different perspective

Dear Editor,

With respect to an interesting photofile published in the Journal of Clinical Forensic Medicine, Bruce-Chwatt offers the mechanism of double human bite.¹ The explanation provided about the mechanism of the injury however, appears quite unlikely as it is practically impossible to have a bigger mouthful exactly parallel to the initial one with the victim struggling to escape.

Rather, we propose that the possibility of such an injury is more likely if the assailant had a bigger mouthful of skin initially and as the fight progressed and the victim tried to escape, the teeth grip

was reduced resulting in the smaller mouthful of skin and the typical pattern of 'double human bite' presented in the photofile.¹ The mechanisms provided and proposed for the double human bite are illustrated in Fig. 1.

We would also be interested in the circumstances of the incident and whether other injuries were inflicted on the victim.

Conflict of interest statement

None to declare.

Reference

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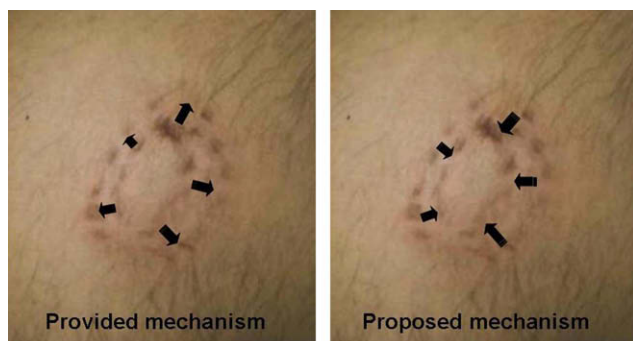


Fig. 1. Provided and proposed mechanism of 'Double Human Bite' in photograph taken from the photofile (Reference [1]).